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Sandinist Rebel Is Reported Back in Nicaragua

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MEXICO CITY, April 7 — Close aides of Edén Pastora Gómez, the former Sandinist commander, said here today that he had entered Nicaragua secretly. He is organizing his supporters for a challenge to the Sandinist Government, they said.

They said that Mr. Pastora, a revolutionary hero known as Commander Zero, slipped into Nicaragua late last month, although they refused to disclose his exact whereabouts. They said they had been in radio contact with him in Nicaragua in recent days.

The aides said Mr. Pastora's presence in Nicaragua would be announced April 15, the first anniversary of his formal break with the Sandinist leadership. At the same time, they said, he plans to make public a "peace document" that has already been distributed to several governments and political parties in Latin America and Western Europe. The document calls for negotiations with the Sandinists.

Mr. Pastora, who resigned as Deputy Minister of Defense and left Nicaragua in July 1981, publicly denounced his former colleagues last April from his exile base in Costa Rica, saying they had become too radical and had refused to take his views into account. Since then, he has formed the Revolutionary Democratic Alliance, which counts among its supporters two former Nicaraguan junta members, Alfonso Robelo Callejas and Arturo Cruz.

'Dissident Revolutionaries'

The alliance refuses to join forces with the Honduras-based Nicaraguan Democratic Front on the ground that it is led by former officers of the Somoza regime's hated national guard. Mr. Pastora and his followers describe themselves as "dissident revolutionaries" rather than "counterrevolutionaries".

Mr. Pastora has also argued that reported support of the United States Central Intelligence Agency for the Honduras-based rebels is serving to strengthen the position of the Sandinists. "I can't understand a thing," he said in a recent interview. "The Sandinists do everything possible to be overthrown and the C.I.A. does everything possible to keep them in power."

While Mr. Pastora has been rebuffed in his previous offers to hold talks with the Nicaraguan Government on "rectifying the direction" of the revolution, his activities have to date been entirely political and diplomatic. But he recently warned that "the time for words is over and the time for action has arrived".

Last weekend, after a border meeting with Costa Rica's Foreign Minister, Fernando Volio Jiménez, Interior Minister Tomás Borge Martínez of Nicaragua said he had been informed that Mr. Pastora had been expelled from Costa Rica and had flown to Mexico.

Invited to Leave

Reached by telephone in San José, Costa Rican officials said that Mr. Pastora had merely been invited to leave the country for a period and had left San José March 28 aboard a private aircraft purportedly for Mexico.

Aides to Mr. Pastora said that both he and the Costa Rican Government were anxious to avoid giving the impression that he was using Costa Rican territory as a springboard for his anti-Sandinist activities. They said he did not in fact come to Mexico, but refused to say what route he took in entering Nicaragua.

The aides added that, while Mr. Pastora was prepared to lead an armed uprising against the Sandinists, he still preferred a peaceful solution that would prevent Nicaragua from falling into the hands of ultrarightist supporters of the overthrown regime of Gen. Anastasio Somoza Debayle.

Asked in a recent interview whether the Sandinists had any interest in discussions with Mr. Pastora, Interior Minister Borge replied: "Absolutely none. We do not talk with traitors."